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House Majority Leader Praises Today's Vote on Medicaid Reform

Tallahassee, Fla. – Florida House Majority Leader Carlos Lopez-Cantera (R-Miami) today issued the following statement regarding the Health & Human Services Committee's passing of the Proposed Committee Bills (PCBs) on Medicaid Reform (PCB HHS 11-01 and PCB HHS 11-02).

"The Health & Human Services Committee's Medicaid reform package will make Florida's Medicaid program more patient-centered, outcome-oriented, and cost-effective.

"Our Medicaid system in its current form is unsustainable and is not delivering value for either consumers or taxpayers. Funding for Medicaid is projected to consume almost 30% of the total state budget this fiscal year, and its cost will only continue to rise. Meanwhile, carve outs for special populations, regions, and vendors have made our Medicaid system one of the most complicated in the nation.

"Moving to a statewide managed care program will ensure costs are controlled while delivering better and more stable services to Floridians who depend on Medicaid for their health care needs. Through this important legislation, we will bring more accountability to the system, crack down on fraud, and improve patient care."

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